

ABSTRACT

A system for determining overall capability of a trading partner, is provided to a bidding system with which trading partners present their bidding prices via a network, in response to a matter presented by a buyer company. The system for determining overall capability of a trading partner, is provided with a trading partner database for storing data representing capabilities of the trading partners, in numerical form. A controller in the system reads the data on the trading partners represented in numerical form, from the trading partner database, on receiving the bidding prices and selects a trading partner or trading partners for the matter, based on the bidding prices and the data represented in numerical form. The controller is able to weight capabilities of the trading partners, according to an article subjected to the bidding. In this case, a trading partner or trading partners can be selected based on the weighted capabilities of the trading partners. Thus, most appropriate trading partners are selected in consideration of not only bidding prices but also various capabilities of the trading partners.